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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on * as United States Application Serial No. or PCT International Application No. * and was amended on * (if applicable).

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Docket No. 426382000400

In the application of: Robert M. BERTON et al.
 Serial No.: To Be Assigned
 Filed: Herewith
 For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR
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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Robert M. BERTON, Michael J. HUGGINS, Jeffrey L. EGLEN and Charles H. COOPER (hereinafter referred to as the assignors), residing at Raleigh, NC, Atlanta, GA, Isle of Palms, SC and Cary NC, respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, said assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Andersen Consulting LLP, a Limited Liability Partnership duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Illinois and having its principal place of business at 1661 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California 94304 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, for its own use and the use of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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AND for the same consideration, said assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that said assignors will, whenever counsel of said assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND said assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to said assignee as the assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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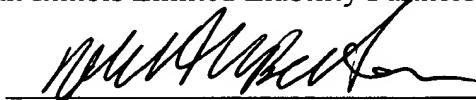
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